African Trading Cards

**Mansa Musa- King of Mali**

<http://africa.mrdonn.org/mansamusa.html>

You've probably never heard of him, but Mansa Musa is the richest person ever.

The 14th century emperor from West Africa [was worth a staggering $400 billion](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2218025/Meet-14th-Century-African-king-richest-man-world-time-adjusted-inflation.html%22%20%5Ct%20%22_hplink), after adjusting for inflation, [as calculated by Celebrity Net Worth](http://www.celebritynetworth.com/articles/entertainment-articles/25-richest-people-lived-inflation-adjusted/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_hplink).

According to the Encyclopedia Brittanica, when Musa died sometime in the 1330s, he left behind an empire filled with palaces and mosques, some of which still stand today. But the emperor really turned historic heads for the [over-the-top extravagances of his 1324 pilgrimage to Mecca.](http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/398420/Musa%22%20%5Ct%20%22_hplink)

The trip, which he embarked up on during the 17th year of the monarch's glittering reign, was hosted by the leaders of both Mecca and Cairo and apparently was so brilliant, it "almost put Africa’s sun to shame."

Musa's wealth was a result of his country's vast natural resources. The West African nation was responsible for more than half of the world's salt and gold supply, [according to Net Worth](http://www.celebritynetworth.com/articles/entertainment-articles/25-richest-people-lived-inflation-adjusted/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_hplink). Of course, the entry also notes that the fortune was also fleeting. Just two generations later, his net worth was gone -- wasted away by invaders and infighting.

**Sundiata- King of Mali**

<http://www.ducksters.com/history/africa/sundiata_keita.php>

<http://africa.mrdonn.org/sundiata.html>

**Kingdom of Ghana**

<http://africa.mrdonn.org/ghana.html>

**Gold-Salt Trade**

<http://africa.mrdonn.org/goldandsalt.html>

<http://africa.mrdonn.org/traderoutes.html>

**Timbuktu**

<http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/world-heritage/timbuktu/>

<http://www.nbcnews.com/video/rock-center/46286427/#45973190>

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